

TRAVEL BAN: What You Need to Know about the Revised Ban, and What Travel Managers are Saying about It

BREAKING NEWS: Two federal judges, one in Hawaii and one in Maryland, have temporarily blocked President Donald Trump's travel ban, both citing Trump's discrimination-based statements during the presidential campaign as part of their rulings.

President Trump's second executive order, issued on March 6, 2017, placed travel restrictions on the countries of Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, and Yemen. The executive order is effective on March 16, 2017.

What You Need to Know

- The executive order replaces the original order that was issued on January 27, 2017.
- Effective March 16, 2017, nationals of the six countries affected will be denied entry into the United States for a period of 90 days.
- Effective March 16, 2017, decisions on refugee applications will be suspended for 120 days.
- The executive order confirms that visas issued between February 3, 2017, and March 15, 2017, will be valid for entry into the United States.
- The travel restrictions do not apply to green card holders or those with temporary student or work visas.

What Travel Managers are Saying

While the new travel restrictions have a much narrower scope than the original restrictions, travel managers remain concerned about the impact of these restrictions on their companies' business travel, according to polls by the Association of Corporate Travel Executives (ACTE) and the Global Business Travel Association (GBTA). The ACTE polled 125 travel managers, finding:

- 44% felt the travel restrictions would cause problems for their companies, with 6% citing significant difficulties.
- 55% felt the travel restrictions increased the threat against their U.S.-based employees who travel internationally.
- 9% canceled meetings in the United States to hold them in a different location.

The GBTA polled 176 travel managers, finding:

- 37% of companies expect a reduction in their business travel.
- 17% of European travel managers indicated their companies had canceled trips to the United States.

- 38% of European travel managers are less likely to send their travelers to the United States.
- 45% of European travel managers noted their companies are less likely to plan meetings in the United States.

The GBTA Executive Director, Mike McCormick, had a positive reaction to the narrowed scope of the revised order, but said, "Any increased restrictions on passenger travel must be based in safety and security to ensure that the ability to travel is not impeded unnecessarily. It will remain a focus of the business travel industry to hold disruptions to a minimum, and we will continue to monitor the implementation of this ban closely."

Sources:

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